
VIRGINIA COAL MINE SAFETY BOARD

**Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy
Thursday – August 19, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Linkous
Patti Church
Richard Waddell
Billy J. Powers
Foster Tankersley
Max Kennedy, Jr.
David Berry
Ernest Benko

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Harless Mullins

OTHERS PRESENT:

Butch Lambert, DMME Deputy Director
Sharon Pigeon, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Mike Willis, DM Mine Safety Engineer
Randy Moore, DM Mine Inspector
Patty Varner, DM Administrative Program Specialist, Recorder

Meeting Called To Order

Chairman Foster Tankersley called the meeting to order. A roll call of members determined that a quorum was present. Chairman Tankersley called for a motion to dispense in reading of minutes from previous meeting on April 29, 2010; a motion was made, seconded with unanimous vote taken.

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Proposal Identifier Number CT-DMME-4 Draft Legislation

The sole purpose of this called meeting of the Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board was to review the proposed draft legislation to amend Title 45.1-161.21 for necessary changes to the law for rules that the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) can adopt to improve the safety and health of miners. Frank Linkous directed the Board that their input is a required part in the process of sharing with the DMME's constituents – labor representatives and industry representatives – in amending the law. The proposed draft legislation has been submitted to the Attorney General's office for review. The Board agreed to and performed a page by page review, discussion and recommendation of changes to the draft proposal. DMME will incorporate the Board's recommended changes to the proposal.

Frank asked that the Board members contact Mike Willis with any subsequent thoughts or recommendations on changes to the amended law.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Varner
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Secretary